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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during August totaled 500,000 pounds, unchanged from July and the same as the previous year.

There were 600 head of **cattle** slaughtered during August, unchanged from July and the same as the previous year. Average live weight was 691 pounds, down 21 pounds from the previous month and 62 pounds below August 2008. Total live weight, at 418,000 pounds, was eight percent below the previous month and 14 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during August totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous month but 100 head above the previous year. Live weight averaged 504 pounds, down three pounds from July and 24 pounds below August 2008. Total live weight, at 180,000 pounds, was down two percent from July but up 12 percent from the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during August totaled 800 head, unchanged from the previous month but down 200 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 193 pounds, down seven pounds from July but two pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 148,000 pounds, down nine percent from July and 18 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during August was 400 head, up 100 head from July but the same as the previous year. Live weight averaged 60 pounds, up four pounds from the previous month but four pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.1 billion pounds in August, down fractionally from August 2008.

August 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays. **August 2008** contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.2 billion pounds, was four percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.8 million head, down four percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up nine pounds from the previous year, at 1,293 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.6 million pounds, six percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 76,700 head, down three percent from August 2008. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 234 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.9 billion pounds, up four percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.3 million head, up one percent from August 2008. The average live weight was up seven pounds from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.3 million pounds, was up slightly from August 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,900 head, one percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, unchanged from August a year ago.

January to August 2009 commercial red meat production was 32.5 billion pounds, down three percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down three percent from last year, veal was down three percent, pork was down two percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down four percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	July	August		January - August		August		January - August	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
-----Number, thousand head-----									
Cattle	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.6	4.9	2,908.3	2,781.9	23,298.6	22,281.1
Calves	0.4	0.3	0.4	2.6	2.7	79.2	76.7	598.4	605.6
Hogs	0.8	1.0	0.8	10.1	8.1	9,263.7	9,337.0	76,268.3	74,035.0
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.4	0.4	2.5	2.9	200.2	202.9	1,683.2	1,618.6
-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----									
Cattle	456	487	418	3,747	3,63	3,723,750	3,587,0	29,541,204	28,592,88
Calves	183	161	180	1,303	1,35	19,148	17,772	156,279	151,386
Hogs	162	181	148	2,104	1,62	2,141,624	2,499,5	20,395,100	20,008,49
Sheep & Lambs	18	25	25	183	186	26,445	26,668	232,347	223,054
-----Average live weight, pounds-----									
Cattle	712	753	691	815	742	1,284	1,293	1,272	1,288
Calves	507	528	504	501	501	245	234	265	253
Hogs	200	191	193	208	201	261	268	268	270
Sheep & Lambs	56	64	60	73	64	132	132	138	138
-----Million pounds-----									
Red Meat	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.6	4.3	4,095.2	4,076.6	33,388.6	32,501.5

September Farm Prices Received Index Unchanged

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from August. The Crop Index was down three points and the Livestock Index decreased one point. Producers received higher prices for milk, onions, grapes and apples and lower prices for wheat, soybeans, barley and potatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, apples and peanuts offset decreased marketings of cattle, broilers, wheat and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was down 27 points from September 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 126, increased one point from last month but decreased 25 points from September 2008.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates was 176 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from August but 14 points below September 2008. Lower prices in September for complete feeds, mixed fertilizer, herbicides and feeder cattle offset higher prices for concentrates, LP gas, feeder pigs and potash & phosphorus.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	September 2008	August 2009	September 2009 ¹	September 2008	August 2009	September 2009 ¹
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	9.89	10.10	9.53	10.80	10.80	9.85
Sorghum, per cwt	n/a	5.48	2/	7.99	5.37	5.16
Rice, per cwt	16.70	12.40	13.10	16.90	14.60	14.00
Upland Cotton, per pound	2/	2/	2/	.611	.477	.484 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	161.00	109.00	107.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	63.30	57.80	56.20	94.20	80.60	80.80
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	86.10	85.30	82.00	99.30	85.10	85.90
Cows, per cwt ⁵	49.90	41.70	41.00	54.80	45.70	44.10
Calves, per cwt	99.50	93.30	89.00	113.00	110.00	107.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.450	.430	.420
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.996	.759	.748
Milk, All, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.20	12.00	12.70

¹ Mid-month.

² Insufficient sales to establish a price.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Off-farm holdings of **soybeans** totaled 2.1 million bushels, compared to 417,000 bushels in 2008.

All wheat off-farm stocks totaled 7.0 million bushels, down 16 percent from 2008.

United States Grain Stocks

Old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2009, totaled 1.7 billion bushels, up three percent from September 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 608 million bushels are stored on farms, up 22 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.1 billion bushels, are down five percent from a year ago. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance is 2.6 billion bushels, compared with 2.4 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Old crop grain sorghum stored in all positions on September 1, 2009, totaled 54.7 million bushels, up four percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 4.4 million bushels, are up 24 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 50.3 million bushels, are up two percent from September 1, 2008. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance from all positions is 47.5 million bushels, down two percent from the same period a year ago.

Old crop soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2009, totaled 14 million bushels, down 33 percent from September 1, 2008. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 35.1 million bushels, down 25 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 103 million bushels, are down 35 percent from last September. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2009 totaled 458 million bushels, down three percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2009, totaled 2.2 billion bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 840 million bushels, up 32 percent from last September. Off-farm stocks, at 1.4 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2009 indicated disappearance is 661 million bushels, down 30 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Louisiana and United States Grain Stocks, Sept 1, 2008 - 2009

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	September 1		September 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn (Old Crop)				
On Farm			499,950	607,500
Off Farm ²	<u>1/</u>	<u>4,420</u>	<u>1,124,200</u>	<u>1,066,559</u>
Total			1,624,150	1,674,059
Sorghum (Old Crop)				
On Farm			3,550	4,400
Off Farm ²	<u>1/</u>	<u>1,046</u>	<u>49,200</u>	<u>50,348</u>
Total			52,750	54,748
Soybeans (Old Crop)				
On Farm			47,000	35,100
Off Farm ²	<u>417</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>158,034</u>	<u>103,098</u>
Total			205,034	138,198
All Wheat				
On Farm			635,700	840,000
Off Farm ²	<u>8,303</u>	<u>6,953</u>	<u>1,222,423</u>	<u>1,375,167</u>
Total			1,858,123	2,215,167

¹ Louisiana on-farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

Soybeans: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production by state and United States, 2008¹

State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Bushels	1,000 Bushels
AL	360	350	35.0	12,250
AR	3,300	3,250	38.0	123,500
DE	195	193	27.5	5,308
FL	32	29	38.0	1,102
GA	430	415	31.0	12,865
IL	9,200	9,120	47.0	428,640
IN	5,450	5,430	45.0	244,350
IA	9,750	9,670	46.5	449,655
KS	3,300	3,250	37.0	120,250
KY	1,390	1,380	34.5	47,610
LA	1,050	950	33.0	31,350
MD	495	485	30.0	14,550
MI	1,900	1,890	37.0	69,930
MN	7,050	6,970	38.0	264,860
MS	2,000	1,960	40.0	78,400
MO	5,200	5,030	38.0	191,140
NE	4,900	4,860	46.5	225,990
NJ	92	90	30.0	2,700
NY	230	226	46.0	10,396
NC	1,690	1,670	33.0	55,110
ND	3,800	3,760	28.0	105,280
OH	4,500	4,480	36.0	161,280
OK	400	360	25.0	9,000
PA	435	430	40.0	17,200
SC	540	530	32.0	16,960
SD	4,100	4,060	34.0	138,040
TN	1,490	1,460	34.0	49,640
TX	230	205	24.5	5,023
VA	580	570	32.0	18,240
WV	19	18	41.0	738
WI	1,610	1,590	35.0	55,650
US	75,718	74,681	39.7	2,967,007

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